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Professor van Zinderen Bakker emigrated to South Africa in 1947 and became head of the Department of Botany of U.O.F.S. at Bloemfontein from 1963–1972. He initiated palynological studies in Africa and has become an authority on the history of the vegetation and climate of Africa during the Quaternary. Besides this he has achieved international recognition for his long term intensive biological research programme on the sub-Antarctic islands Marion and Prince Edward. He also organised extensive limnological research.

Prof. Bakker still serves as chairman and member on four international research bodies in connection with Antarctic and palynological research. He is member of the editorial board of two international scientific journals. Among some of his rewards are the Senior Captain Scott Medal, the Gold Medal of the S.A. Antarctic Association, the Gold Medal of the S.A. Association of Botanists. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of S.A., Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau and was Honorary Consul of the Netherlands (1953–1973).